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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement be considered with respect to the above-identified application.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. German Patent No. DE 195 35 114 A1, dated March 28, 1996;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,667,229, dated May 19, 1987 issued to Cooper, et al.;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,408,263, dated April 18, 1995 issued to Kikuchi, et al.; and
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,475,420, dated December 12, 1995 issued to Buchin.

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The references were cited in a Supplemental European Search Report dated April 1, 2004 and issued by the European Patent Office in connection with applicants' co-pending European Patent Application No. 00925683.5. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited non-U.S. references, along with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), per 1276 OG 55, August 5, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) is provided herein, no fee is required.

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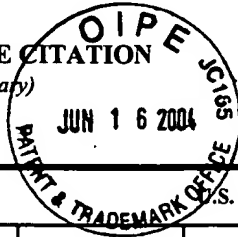
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